**Shortage of technical staff for IA planes**

†3189. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Indian Airlines aeroplanes have been grounded due to shortage of tools and technical staff;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps taken by Government to maintain the regular supply of tools and also to recruit the staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVILAVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) No aircraft has been grounded due to shortage of tools and technical staff. However, 6 aircraft were grounded for scheduled checks and 4 aircraft were grounded due to non-availability of serviceable engines.

(c) There is no shortage of tools. In order to meet the future requirements of technical staff, Indian Airlines has been recruiting Senior Aircraft Maintenance Engineer Trainees, Aircraft Maintenance Engineer Trainees, Aircraft Technicians, Graduate Engineer Trainees, Dy. Engineer, Assistant Managers and other categories of technical staff by notifying vacancies at regular intervals.

**Poor infrastructure facilities in flying institutes**

3190. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the pilot graduates from many of the flying clubs in India are trained on outdated technology and hence 40 per cent of them fail the flying test administered by private airlines;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the flying institutes across the country have Cessna 152 and Cessna 172 aircrafts on which students are trained and most of them do not even have simulators; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to enforce some rules for flying institutes so that they are forced to upgrade their infrastructure?

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